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To: Chair Kobayashi, Vice-Chair Chang, and members of the Committee

Re: Bill 11:Relating to the operating budget and program for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

5/8/2013

American Electric (AE) is one of the largest electrical contractors in the state of Hawaii. At any given time we employ from 150 to over 200 people. The current delays of getting PV permits closed has greatly affected our business.

AE has pulled over 150 electrical permits in 2013. We have a total of 54 open permits many from 2012 waiting for an inspection. Over 15 of these have been waiting for an inspector for over 100 days since our first request. The worst of these are approaching 300 days and counting.

AE supports the provisions in Bill 11 which provide funding for an additional (6) full time electrical inspectors for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013.

These exorbitant delays have not only caused tax payers major frustration and money lost by not being able to initiate their PV systems, but have caused major cash flow constraints to our business. AE this year alone will be paying more than \$300,000 in permit fees to the City and County of Honolulu. In AE's estimation, at least an additional 6 inspectors need to be added to perform electrical inspections on Oahu.

Sincerely,

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